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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - JULY 1990

Total Rhode Island wage and salary jobs fell in July with decreases occuring in both the Goods Producing and Service Producing segments of the state's economy. The July job level of 448,400 represented a monthly decline of 12,800 and was 9,500 below the year ago figure of 457,900.

Overall employment among the Goods Producing industries dropped to 119,500 in July - down 5,500 from last month and 6,700 on an annual basis. Contract Construction jobs were unchanged from June's level of 19,500, but were down 2,300 from the July 1989 figure. Reflecting decreases primarily attributed to vacation-related closings, factory jobs fell 5,500 over the month to 100,000, which represented a reduction of 4,400 compared to a year ago. Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a downturn of 4,200 jobs from last month while employment in Nondurable Goods fell by 1,300. The largest monthly job declines occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-1,400) and Fabricated Metals (-1,300), followed by reductions in Textiles (-600), Primary Metals, Transportation Equipment, the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment and Leather Products (-300 each). Payroll levels in Electrical Machinery decreased by 200 from June, while smaller job declines of 100 each were registered in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery, Instruments, Food-Beverage, Paper Products, Chemical Products, Rubber Products and Plastics Products. The only monthly job gain (+100) in the factory sector was recorded in Apparel, while employment in Printing-Publishing showed no change.

The July work week averaged 39.8 hours, down 0.4 of an hour from June, but up 1.7 hours from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.60 in July, an increase of 22 cents from last month and a gain of 49 cents compared to July 1989.

The number of jobs in the Service Producing sector totalled 328,900 in July, showing a downturn of 7,300 from last month and a decline of 2,800 from the year ago level. Employment levels in Services and Wholesale/Retail Trade registered monthly downturns of 2,500 and 1,400, respectively. Overall Government employment was down 3,100 from last month (primarily due to a seasonal decline in education-related employment and the ending of a number of temporary Census jobs). A decrease of 200 was posted in Finance/Insurance/Real Estate while jobs in Transportation/Public Utilities were reduced by 100.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 7.1 percent in July from an estimated 6.8 percent in June. The state's unadjusted unemployment rate also increased to 7.1 percent from last month's estimate of 6.5 percent. Accordingly, the jobless total climbed to 37,400 in July, up 3,300 from the prior month's figure of 34,100. A year ago, both the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted rates were estimated at 4.0 percent while the number of unemployed stood at 21,500.

Nationally, both the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted unemployment rates increased to 5.5 percent in July - the former estimate showed a gain of 0.3 of a percent while the latter was up 0.2 of a percent from last month. The current rates are also both up 0.2 from one year ago July.

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE FOR R.I. EMPLOYERS

This department recently mailed an important notice to all employers concerning the verification of their federal Employer Identification Number (EIN). Internal Revenue regulations require that employers report their federal EIN to this department in order to insure that they receive appropriate credit against their FUTA tax liability for their unemployment insurance taxes paid to this department.

Please be sure to verify that the federal EIN number on the notice you received was correct. If it is correct, no further action is necessary. Otherwise, you should indicate your correct federal EIN on the notice and return it to this department in the pre-addressed envelope. Failure to do so could jeopardize your Federal Unemployment Tax credits. Questions should be directed to the Status Unit at (401) 277-3696.

THE LABOR MARKET INFORMATION UNIT

The Labor Market Information (LMI) unit of the R.I. Department of Employment & Training is the primary state contact with the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor for the operation and maintenance of the federal/state cooperative data collection programs. As such, it serves as a centralized resource for the collection, analysis and dissemination of data on wages, occupations, employment and unemployment to both public and private users.

Much of the information that the LMI unit produces is obtained from various employer surveys which are conducted throughout the year. The department greatly appreciates the cooperation shown by many emloyers responding to these surveys. All information provided by employers is kept confidential and is not published in any manner that would allow the identification of a specific employer.

The LMI unit produces a number of publications which are available to employers and the general public free of charge. The Directory of Labor Market Information provides a summary of the information and publications available through the LMI unit. Copies of this directory and other publications can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Department of Employment & Training, LMI Unit, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, R.I. 02903.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

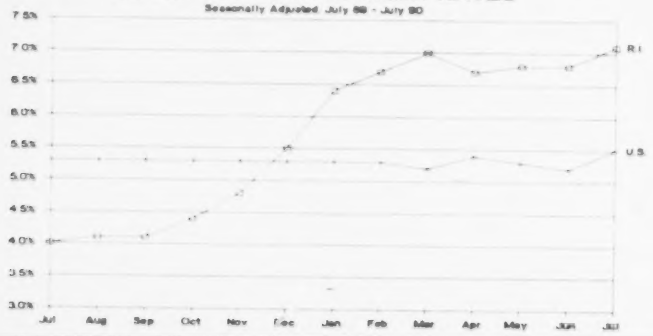
	July 1990	June* 1990	July* 1989	
Civilian Labor Force	526.0	524.9	532.7	
Resident Employment	488.6	490.8	511.3	
Unemployment	37.4	34.1	21.5	
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.1	6.5	4.0	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.1	6.8	4.0	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	July 1990	June 1990	July 1989
Civilian Labor Force	126,900	126,307	126,238
Resident Employment	119,954	119,605	119,502
Unemployment	6,945	6,702	6,736
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.5	5.3	5.3
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.5	5.2	5.3

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)			NET CHANGE FROM	
	July 1990	June 1990	July 1989	June 1990	July 1989
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	448.4	461.2	457.9	-12800	- 9500
GOODS PRODUCING	119.5	125.0	126.2	- 5500	- 6700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.5	19.5	21.8	-	- 2300
MANUFACTURING	100.0	105.5	104.4	- 5500	- 4400
SERVICE PRODUCING	328.9	336.2	331.7	- 7300	- 2800
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.7	15.8	15.4	- 100	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.5	107.9	108.6	- 1400	- 2100
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.5	26.7	27.1	- 200	- 600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	123.4	125.9	122.5	- 2500	+ 900
GOVERNMENT	56.8	59.9	58.1	- 3100	- 1300

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

JULY 1990

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	100.0	382.08	39.8	9.60
DURABLE MFG	67.7	380.33	39.7	9.58
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	469.04	40.4	11.61
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.4	435.37	34.2	12.73
PRIMARY METALS	3.8	435.89	43.2	10.09
FABRICATED METALS	7.6	362.07	39.1	9.26
NONELECTRIC MACH	5.7	486.78	42.7	11.40
ELECTRICAL MACH	6.1	347.38	38.9	8.93
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	7.9	477.89	39.3	12.16
INSTRUMENTS	7.0	415.24	41.4	10.03
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	19.4	313.22	39.9	7.85
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	5.9	305.50	35.4	8.63
NONDURABLE MFG	32.3	384.80	40.0	9.62
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.6	362.39	40.4	8.97
TEXTILES	8.5	341.14	41.2	8.28
APPAREL	1.7	308.89	39.5	7.82
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.1	383.04	42.0	9.12
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.7	448.16	35.4	12.66
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.7	490.69	41.2	11.91
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	403.60	40.0	10.09
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.7	427.00	40.9	10.44
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.6	268.93	39.9	6.74

Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded from the Establishment Employment figures. Current month figures are PRELIMINARY. Prior month and year figures are REVISED.